

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

Serving the Deaf and the Blind Students of Idaho Since 1906

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“Supplemental Services” Opportunity

Our school in the past several years has worked hard to improve teaching and learning, and has re-structured instruction to help to better match student needs, and we will continue to do so. We are pleased to report that ISDB did make Adequate Yearly Progress in Reading on the ISAT for Spring 2006 under “Safe Harbor”, which means that our students overall demonstrated good growth in their Reading ISAT scores. However, ISDB is still cited for “Needs Improvement” because not enough of our students achieved proficiency on the ISAT last spring. This means ISDB can offer to provide some support for supplemental educational services to qualifying students during this school year according to the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation for schools that are in “Needs Improvement” status. What does that mean? Supplemental Educational Services means that parents can choose an outside provider, from a state-approved list, to provide extra instruction to students who 1) qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program, **and** 2) demonstrate academic need by not having achieved proficiency on the ISAT. We have set aside the portion of Title grant money, as required by law, to pay for these services for a qualified student whose parents would like to seek outside supplemental services.

The State of Idaho has approved list of outside providers -- the way these educational services are delivered to students varies greatly. Any parents interested in pursuing supplemental educational services for their child should contact Janet Stout or Gretchen Spooner for more detailed information. Parents need to understand that the ISDB will pay for the services for qualified students until the grant money is used up, but that any transportation needed for the outside services is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

We, at ISDB, would like to assure all families that we are committed to continuous improvement as we strive to meet the individual needs of your children and we count it a privilege to have the opportunity to work with them.